

October 21, 2019

## SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org

Austin R. Evers American Oversight 1030 15th Street, NW Suite B255 Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 2018-IAFO-00240

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your August 22, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Your request was subsequently referred to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), and was received in this office on August 28, 2019. You are seeking:

Records reflecting the following categories of data for each act of domestic terror perpetrated in the United States since 2009:

Date; Number of fatalities; Number of injuries; Location; Group or individual responsible; and Type of perpetrator responsible (e.g., white supremacist, eco-terrorist, anti-abortion, Christian terrorist, Islamist terrorist, etc.)

In an acknowledgment letter dated August 28, 2019, we declined to respond to your request on the grounds that compiling the data you requested would require I&A FOIA to answer questions or create records in response to your FOIA request. We subsequently agreed to search for records responsive records to this request.

While a thorough search was conducted for records responsive to your request, unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

If you deem this to be an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights.<sup>1</sup> Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* U.S.C. 552© (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.



procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

You may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), as well as the Public Liaison, Brendan Henry for any further assistance; to discuss any aspect of your request; to discuss reformulation of your request; and/or to discuss an alternative time frame for the processing of your request at:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Email: I&AFOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV Telephone: (202) 282-8826 Refer to 2019-IAFO-00240

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS

College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov Telephone: 202-741-5770 Toll free: 1-877-684-6448

Fax: 202-741-5769

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock.

Sincerely,

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Priscilla Waters

Pricilla Waters Assistant FOIA Officer

